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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record a vote by electronic device on Roll No. 32, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll No. 32.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 32. I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 669, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 41

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 41, the Mass Immigration Reduction Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

## APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GAL-LAUDET UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 103 of Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University:

Mr. LaHood of Illinois. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INSTI-TUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 1505 of Public Law 99-498 (20 U.S.C. 4412), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development:

Mr. Young of Alaska. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. PORTER of Illinois. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN **EUROPE** 

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 94-304 as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Chairman. There was no objection.

### THE REPUBLICANS TAKE ACTION ON IMPROVING SCHOOLS

(Mr. SOUDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot today and we will hear a lot more in the future about who is saving social security, but there is a key fact we should keep in mind. That is, for 40 years the Democrats held control of this House. The number of times they worked to save social security was somewhere around zero.

The important thing here is not whether we talk, but whether we do. Today in the Committee on Education and the Workforce we are considering a bill called Ed-Flex, to give local and State governments more flexibility, and allowing school boards more flexibility in education. Similar bills are being considered on the Senate floor. We are actually doing something about what other people talk about. It is a bipartisan effort. The gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER), and others from both sides of the aisle are reaching forth.

Will the Democratic Party join with us in trying to give flexibility? I will refer to two articles, which I will insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD along with these remarks. One is from Steve Gordon, president of the East Allen County School Board, saying, States should fight Federal meddling in the schools. We don't need a national school board in Washington. We need to give more flexibility to local school boards and States.

Another is a letter to the editor praising Concordia High School in my district, which is the largest Lutheran high school in the country, for their drug testing programs. At the local level people are doing things, not just talking.

The letters referred to are as follows: [From the Ft. Wayne News Sentinel, Feb. 22, 19991

STATE SHOULD FIGHT FEDERAL MEDDLING IN SCHOOLS

With the start of the new legislative year, one issue that always comes up is education. Of course, the president, governor and every